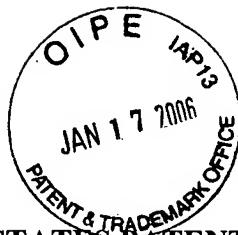


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In re Application of : Customer Number: 20277
: Confirmation Number: 6603
David A. MECKES, et al. :
: Group Art Unit: 3653
Application No.: 10/085,357 : Allowed: October 18, 2005
: Examiner: Matthew J. Kohner
Filed: February 28, 2002 :
: For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR MONITORING GROUPED RESOURCES

COMMENTS RESPONSIVE TO STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 104(e)

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Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the October 18, 2005 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as a justification for any particular claim interpretation or to support any theory of prosecution history estoppel.

It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation and to the broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims, the supporting disclosure and Applicants' prosecution of the claims, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this

paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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